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Re: Application of KAZUNOBU FUJIKAWA, AKIHIRO GOTO  
 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING,  
 AND AN ELECTRODE FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING  
 Our Ref: Q63075

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of KAZUNOBU FUJIKAWA and AKIHIRO GOTO pending prior Application No. PCT/JP99/02379 filed May 7, 1999 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING, AND AN ELECTRODE FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 8 sheets of drawings, an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, the executed Assignment with PTO-1595, the PCT International Search Report and an Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449 listing known references.

**PLEASE NOTE: This application is being filed as a  
 Continuation of PCT/JP99/02379 pursuant to MPEP §§1895 and 1896.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1,020.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no §119 claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,



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